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PROGRAMME



# **REDD+ Academy Design Workshop**

**Nairobi, Kenya**

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# Objectives of the Workshop

- **Get UN-REDD Partner country and CSO feedback on capacity building needs: what does the REDD+ Academy need to deliver?**
- **Make the Academy region-specific**
- **Identify location and roadmap to first Academy**



## REDD+ Academy: Current status

- **Need for a REDD+ capacity development initiative** to enable systematic, focused capacity development to deliver REDD+ on the ground
- **Current capacity efforts for REDD+ are:**
  - Offered by a variety of often uncoordinated actors
  - Short-term with limited follow-up
  - Covering only parts of the required REDD+ competencies and knowledge
  - Targeting varied audiences with a tendency towards uncoordinated delivery

## REDD+ Academy: Current status

- **Growing body of knowledge and experience on REDD+ readiness and implementation**
- **Potential for South-South Cooperation**
- **Significant training and capacity building experience and lessons learned from national and regional levels, including:**
  - UN-REDD Programme, including the partner agencies (FAO, UNDP and UNEP): Steering Committee
  - Partners in the wider REDD+ community: Advisory Group

## REDD+ Academy: Suggested Topics

### Types of topics a REDD+ Academy could cover:

- **Scientific evidence** on climate change and significance of forests for sustainable development
- **The rationale behind REDD+**
- **International commitments** on sustainable forest management, climate change, biodiversity, and rights of indigenous peoples
- **MRV and monitoring** capacity for REDD+
- Credible, inclusive national **governance and tenure systems** for REDD+ implementation

## REDD+ Academy: Suggested Topics

### Types of topics a REDD+ Academy could cover:

- **Stakeholder engagement** including Indigenous people and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)
- **Safeguards and multiple benefits** of REDD+
- Linkages between **REDD+ and a Green Economy** transformation processes
- **Communication and public awareness**
- **REDD+ funding, benefit distribution and public-private partnerships**



## REDD+ Academy: Design Phase

1. **Establish a REDD+ Steering Committee (FAO, UNDP, UNEP) and Advisory Group** consisting of representatives of the UN-REDD Programme, including IP and CSO, and partners
2. **Hold regional workshops**, bringing together stakeholders to address key questions and ensure a demand driven outcome
3. **Report back to 12th UN-REDD Policy Board meeting in July 2014**
4. **Develop REDD+ Academy materials and conclude agreements with regional partners**
5. **Roll out first regional Academy session in October 2014 for Asia-Pacific, in Indonesia**
6. **Other sessions to follow in early 2015**

# REDD+ Academy

It is proposed that the REDD+ Academy is a **'rotating' Academy** without a fixed location, moving between UN-REDD partner countries which offer to host it (in partnership with a leading national University).

The REDD+ Academy will be organized as **in-person formal training sessions** at regional level, with in-depth focus on the host country.

The Academy will be delivered in partnership with a **globally recognized learning institution (Yale University)** with established learning tools, and in partnership with **key UN-REDD Programme partners**, such as the World Bank.

A **design and development process** will take place over the next 6 months to finalize the REDD+ Academy concept, with a view to have the first training session at the end of 2014 or early 2015.



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**Thank You**

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